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MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD

SUBJECT: Conversation with Emily Sheketoff, Staff Member of House Select Committee

1. On 24 October 1975, together with CI Staff, I briefed Ms. Sheketoff on the CIA programs designed to prevent penetration by hostile intelligence services.

2. Ms. Sheketoff was advised in some detail of the applicant processing program of the Agency which includes background investigation and a polygraph interview. She was also informed of the Agency's reinvestigation program which provides for a supplemental investigation every five years and a repolygraph as appropriate. The philosophy of the Office of Security as relates to its identification with every staff officer of the Agency and the responsibility of each Agency employee to serve, in effect, as an extension of the Office of Security in serious security and CI matters was explained to her. The program which provides for Security Officers being assigned to other components, both domestically and overseas, was also explained to her. Details concerning counterintelligence operations, double agent operations, etc., were not entered into.

3. At the conclusion of the above remarks, Ms. Sheketoff inquired concerning the program of the Office of Security which would identify the "CIA within the CIA." When asked to explain what this statement meant, Ms. Sheketoff stated that it referred to the intergroup of old CIA officers who, working together, would "take over CIA" in the event Mr. Colby were replaced by someone not to the liking of this intergroup. I declined to discuss this subject even theoretically, at which time Ms. Sheketoff stated that everyone knew about the "CIA within the CIA" revealed in the movie "Three Days of the Condor." The meeting ended on this note.

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